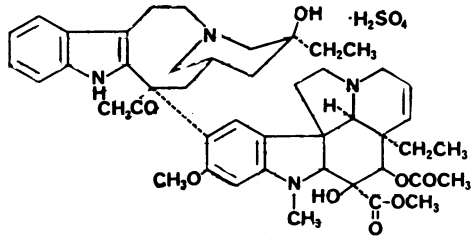
Vinblastine and Vincristine

Antitumor Alkaloids for Cancer Research

Known as Vinca alkaloids, vinblastine and vincristine are isolated from the plant *Vinca rosea* Linn. and exhibit antimitotic[1] and antineoplastic activity.[2] It has been suggested that the antineoplastic action of these alkaloids is a result of their antimitotic effects.

Vinblastine sulfate



Vinblastine has been shown to be an effective antineoplastic agent.[3-5] It is well known that the compound disrupts cell spindles,[6,7] binds to the microtubule protein, tubulin,[8-13] and inhibits microtubule assembly.[14-16] Vinblastine also induces tubulin to self-assemble into coiled and tubular structures.[17-19] Na and Timasheff recently reported detailed sedimentation[20] and thermodynamic[21] studies on vinblastine binding to tubulin and the vinblastine-induced self-association of tubulin.

Other pharmacological effects of vinblastine include autophagocytosis,[22] alteration of secretory granules,[22] dibutyryl cAMP-mediated discharge of protein components,[23,24] decrease of glucose uptake,[25,26] and lowering of ocular pressure.[27]

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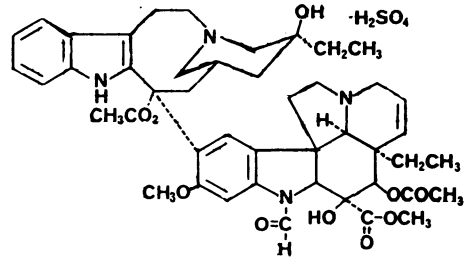

Vincristine is also very useful in cell studies involving its inhibitory effects on mitosis.[1-3] Like vinblastine, it is becoming increasingly important as a chemotherapeutic tool in cancer research.[4-8]

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